

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) In a wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles, having a wiper motor, a gear mechanism disposed on the input shaft of the wiper motor, a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism, a gear housing cover disposed on the gear housing, and an output shaft the improvement comprising: a crank rotationally immovably positioned on a first end of the output shaft on an exterior side of the gear housing wherein the gear housing is disposed between and adjacent to the crank and the gear mechanism, and wherein the output shaft-to-crank connection is a press fitting and that the gear housing cover has a separate access opening on a side facing away from the crank for supporting a second end of the output shaft during the press fit operation.

2. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein an inner part of the press fitting is the output shaft and an outer part of the press fitting is a cylindrical bore in the crank.

3. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the output shaft is staked to the crank.

4. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 3, wherein a cylindrical bore in the crank has a one of chamfer, a cylindrical depression and a recess on the side facing away from the gear housing.

5. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the second end of the output shaft on the side facing away from the crank extends the gear housing cover and wherein the gear housing cover has the separate access opening in this area.

6. Cancelled.

7. (Currently Amended) In a wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles, having a wiper motor, a gear mechanism disposed on the input shaft of the wiper motor, a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism, a gear housing cover disposed on the gear housing, and an output shaft. The the improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 5, comprising: a crank rotationally immovably positioned on a first end of the output shaft on an exterior side of the gear housing wherein the gear housing is disposed between and adjacent to the crank and the gear mechanism, and wherein the output shaft-to-crank connection is a press fitting and that the gear housing cover has a separate access opening on a side facing away from the crank for supporting a second end of the output shaft during the press fit operation, wherein the second end of the output shaft on the side facing away from the crank extends beyond the gear housing cover and wherein the gear housing cover has the separate access opening in this area, and wherein the access opening is closed with another cover having a configuration to enclose the extending end of the output shaft.

8. (Previously Presented) A process for assembling a wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles, having a wiper motor, a gear mechanism disposed on an input shaft of the wiper motor, a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism, an output shaft and a crank rotationally immovably disposed on the output shaft, comprising the step of:

pressing a first end of the output shaft into a cylindrical bore in the crank; and

in order to press fit the output shaft to the crank, supporting a second end of the output shaft facing away from the crank through an access opening in a gear housing cover facing away from the crank.

9. (Currently Amended) A wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles comprising:

a wiper motor;

a gear mechanism disposed on an input shaft of the wiper motor;
a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism;
a gear housing cover disposed on the gear housing;
an output shaft having a first end extending from the gear housing;
and

a crank rotationally immovably positioned on the first end of the output shaft, the crank positioned externally and adjacent of the gear housing, wherein the first end of the output shaft is connected to the crank in a press fit operation and one of the gear housing and the gear housing cover has a separate access opening extending therethrough wherein the separate access opening is on a side of one of the gear housing and the gear housing cover facing away from the crank for supporting a second end of the output shaft during the press fit operation, wherein the access opening is closed with a separate cover.

10. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein an inner part of the press fitting is the output shaft and an outer part of the press fitting is a cylindrical bore in the crank.

11. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein the output shaft is staked to the crank.

12. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 10, wherein the cylindrical bore in the crank has one of a chamfer, a cylindrical counterbore and a recess on a side facing away from the gear housing.

13. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein the output shaft on the side facing away from the crank extends into the area towards one of the gear housing and beyond the gear housing cover and the gear housing cover has the opening in this area.

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14. (Cancelled).